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Reviewing Data used for Major Economic Indicator
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether new committee has been set up to review data used for major economic indicators;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the objective behind the move;

(c) the details of the appointment procedure, constitution of the committee terms of reference, etc. of the Committee so set up;

(d) the function and powers of the committee; and

(e) the time by which the committee is likely to submit its report to the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
(SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) to (d): Yes. Madam. A committee on real sector statistics, which include a few major economic indicators, has been set up by the National Statistical Commission (NSC) through an order issued on 05-10-2016. The committee is expected to cover inter alia the requirement of statistics for estimation of Gross Domestic Product, and data governance for quality, timeliness and credibility. The committee comprises 26 members, of which 10 members are non-official members, who are experts in the relevant subject domains. The 16 official members are representatives of different Government Departments at the Centre and States. The non-official members would be paid sitting fee and travel costs for attending meetings of the committee. The terms of reference of the committee are:

(1) To review the status on implementation of recommendations of NSC and subsequent committees of NSC to identify areas needing action for improving real sector statistics including Regional Statistics consistent with System of National Accounts-2008

(2) To recommend suitable measures to strengthen systems and processes for collection, collation and dissemination of these statistics with possibility for improving timeliness

(3) To take stock of existing Information Technology deployment for collection of granular data from primary sources and recommend suitable measures to establish/ revamp system for (i) processing and (ii) periodic audit, through deep drive of integrated system and recommend a nodal agency for data repository

(4) To examine present system for dissemination of data and recommend measures for improvement consistent with international standard, namely, Special Data Dissemination Standards

(e): The committee will have tenure of one year initially.

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